



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

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### Bush, Jiang agree on N. Korea

**CRAWFORD, Texas** — President Bush and Chinese President Jiang Zemin agreed Friday North Korea should scrap its nuclear weapons program and pledged to resolve the standoff peacefully. But the leaders did not say how they will sway Pyongyang, which accused Bush of war-mongering. China is key to Bush's plans for increasing economic pressure on North Korea to disarm.

### Russians storm Moscow theater

**MOSCOW, Russia** — Russian officials say 36 of the Chechen hostage-takers were killed early Saturday after Russian forces stormed the building where the rebels were holding some 700 hostages. It is still not clear how many hostages were killed or injured in the ordeal. Russia's Interfax reported two of the hostages were killed in the hours before the activity intensified, and two others suffered head injuries.

## Troops deny sanctuary for al Qaeda, Taliban

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**KHOWST, Afghanistan** — Soldiers from Company A, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., when patrolling in Southeastern Afghanistan, find the locals more cooperative.

"The goal was simply to discourage villages who sympathize with the al Qaeda and Taliban and to project our own force — let them know how powerful we are," said 2nd Lt. William Perkins.

The paratroopers conduct operations and patrols in that region often.

"I see them as secu-



A Company A, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment soldier watches his perimeter while the rest of his company boards the vehicle.

rity patrols," said Staff Sgt. Jim Clemente. "They (Afghans) know we're coming. There are welcome signs written on the buildings. We're giving them a taste of freedom. They're able to move

freely between villages without an outside threat."

Some soldiers said the training they conducted prior to deployment was more than enough to operate in the-

atre.

"Everything we trained for was overkill out here," said Staff Sgt. Eric Rodriguez. "I've been in tougher neigh-

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## DoD releases sniper suspect's military service

**American Forces Press Service**

**WASHINGTON** — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld spoke briefly today at a DoD press conference about two suspects arrested in connection with sniper shootings that have plagued the Washington metro region for three weeks.

Civilian law enforcement authorities believe the two men are behind the attack that have killed 10 people and critically wounded three others. The shootings started Oct. 2.

"Needless to say, we all share the hope that the ordeal will soon be over," Rumsfeld said. He declined to speak to

news reports that one suspect is a former soldier.

Defense officials later in the day released details about John Allen Muhammad, aka John Allen Williams, one of the men arrested Oct. 24 near Frederick, Md., in connection with the sniper case.

The man was known as Williams

during his military service, the officials said. He served in the Louisiana Army National Guard from 1978 to 1985, when he went on active duty. He first served with the 15th Engineer Battalion at Fort Lewis, Wash., and later with the 84th Engineer Company in Germany in 1990; the

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borhoods than here.”

“Even our first field problems were easier than (Intensive Training Cycles),” said 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Patrick Parker

However, Parker said some events in theater were never achieved by training, but with flexibility to environment.

“The soldiers’ performance is excellent in dealing with something they haven’t dealt with before,” Parker said. “In Basic and (Advanced Individual Training), they learn to shoot, shoot, shoot. It’s different doing it for real. There’s more interaction. You don’t know the language. You see how inflection of the voice works. They’ve learned so much in the short time they’ve been here.”

Capt. Brian Sullivan, from Dumfries, Va., took command of the company 10 months ago. He said the company had a strong reputation before he arrived.

“After I got there, I confirmed the reputation,” he said.

“They are very aggressive and very disciplined.”

One of Sullivan’s jobs is to take control the patrols his company works in.

“I take the operation and put out a general theme – why we’re here, what we’re doing and see if they have any information to provide,” he said.

Usually, on patrols, the objective is search and seizure. Sullivan said the platoon leader and an interpreter breaches the compound, separates the women and children and searches the site. Sullivan comes in after the search is complete and talks to the head of the household or the village elders.

Some of the soldiers are aggressive in the company operations. Rodriguez is one of them. His wife Dianna received minor bruises from the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Centers.

“She worked at the Bank of New York in Security Investments,” he said. “She was unfortunate to be outside when the



Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser

**Capt. Brian Sullivan, commander, Company A., 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, talks to a village elder to determine the people's needs.**

people jumped off the buildings.”

He said although Dianna is scared, he is glad to be here.

“Before we patrolled in the (Southeastern Afghanistan) areas, people were being killed by Taliban and al Qaeda forces,” Rodriguez said. “Once we showed our presence, children were once again able to play on the streets.”

The company’s combat mission also goes hand-in-hand with the humanitarian assistance

efforts. A civil military operation package, with items such as blankets and food, accompanies them on most missions.

“It builds rapport with the Afghans,” Perkins said. “We’re just trying to make this a better place.”

“We are here to give these people a better way of life, a better freedom,” Clemente said. “Once they have freedom, it’ll be harder to get it away from them.”



Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

## *Search & seizure*

**Pfc. Ashley Nusbaum, 377th Military Police, searches for contraband, such as weapons and drugs, before the vehicle can enter Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. She conducts a thorough check inside and out of the vehicles working with the K-9 teams from both Estonia and the U.S.**

# HIND SIGHT

**1810**

A revolution for independence breaks out in Mexico.

**1920**

Thirty people are killed in a terrorist bombing in New York's Wall Street financial district.

**1940**

Congress passes the Selective Service Act, which calls for the first peacetime draft in U.S. history.

**1972**

South Vietnamese troops recapture Quang Tri province in South Vietnam from the North Vietnamese Army.

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13th Engineer Battalion at Fort Ord, Calif., in 1992; and the 14th Engineer Battalion at Fort Lewis in 1993. Leaving active duty in 1994, he served in the Oregon Army National Guard until 1995.

The Persian Gulf War veteran held three

military job specialties: metalworker, combat engineer and water transport specialist. His highest rank was sergeant. His awards and decorations include the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Ribbon and the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal. He qualified as expert

with both the M-16 rifle and hand grenades.

Officials said they couldn't characterize Williams' service or discharge because of privacy restrictions.

*(This is a composite report by American Forces Press Service reporters Jim Garamone and Kathleen T. Rhem.)*

## Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present "Bad Company" tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building. Tomorrow's movie will be "Serv-ing Sara," showing at the same time.



## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 75F L: 41F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 73F L: 41F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 86F L: 50F	<i>Haze</i> H: 84F L: 55F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 72F L: 41F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 68F L: 37F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 61F L: 46F	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 64F L: 38F

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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# COALITIONSPORTSZONE

## The Day in Sports

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### Wolfpack now 9-0 after 38-6 drilling of Clemson

CLEMSON, S.C.— Now that North Carolina State has achieved the best start in school history, the Wolfpack are trying hard not to think about where this special season might lead them.

"We can't afford to look at the big picture and look past people. That's how you get beat," said safety Terrence Holt, who had a fumble, an interception and returned a blocked punt for a touchdown for N.C. State (No. 9 *ESPN/USA Today*; No. 12 *Associated Press*) in its 38-6 victory over Clemson on Thursday night.

The Wolfpack not only improved to 9-0 (4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), they firmly established themselves as a team to be taken seriously in the Bowl Championship Series race.

Freshman T.A. McLendon ran for a career-high 178 yards and two touchdowns for the Wolfpack, who are tied with Florida State for first place in the conference. Philip Rivers, the nation's highest rated passer, also ran for a touchdown, and the team's defense held Clemson (4-4, 2-3) to a season-low point total.

With victories over Division I-AA East Tennessee and Massachusetts, N.C. State was one of the most overlooked unbeatens in the country.

Surely, the thinking went, the Wolfpack would crack in prime time at Death Valley, where they had lost eight of their past 11 games.

### Sapp rushes for 162 yards as Rams go 7-2

FORT COLLINS, Colo.— Cecil Sapp has a simple philosophy when it comes to running the ball.

"I feel like I'm unstoppable," the Colorado State tailback said.

Brigham Young had to agree Thursday night, after Sapp carried 25 times for 164 yards and two touchdowns in a 37-10 victory.

"I just have to keep running hard, get every inch and every yard," Sapp said. "That's when the big plays are going to come. That's what happened tonight."

Colorado State (7-2, 3-0 Mountain West) also converted two turnovers into 14 points, and with the victory became eligible for one of the conference's four bowl berths.

BYU (3-5, 0-3), the defending conference champion, dropped its third consecutive game, during which the usually prolific Cougars have scored a total of only 22 points. In the fourth consecutive meeting between the teams on a Thursday night, the Rams atoned for the 56-34 defeat last year, in which BYU gained 694 total yards.

### 2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1.Oklahoma	3.92
2.Miami (Fla.)	6.41
3.Notre Dame	7.07
4.Virginia Tech	8.63
5.Georgia	8.69
6.Ohio State	8.89
7.Washington St.	19.44
8.Michigan	19.83
9.LSU	20.71
10.Texas	21.37
11.N.C. State	22.52
12.Florida State	26.79
13.Iowa	29.09
14.USC	31.16
15.Oregon	35.02



### Former football player's remains identified

LINCOLN, Neb. — The remains of a former University of Nebraska football standout have been identified, less than two days before a memorial service for the man who had been presumed dead in a terrorist attack in Indonesia.

Two bombs exploded Oct. 12 outside two popular nightclubs in Bali, killing more than 190 people, including Jake Young, 34, an attorney based in Hong Kong and former All-America center at Nebraska.

Many of the dead were burned beyond recognition, and Young's parents, Jacob and Barbara Young of Midland, Texas, sent their son's medical records and samples of their own hair and saliva to Indonesia in hopes of identifying any remains.

They had given up hope of finding their son alive as the days passed. A memorial service was planned for Saturday in Overland Park, Kan., and Oct. 30 in Midland.

Those services would take place as planned, officials at the churches said Friday.

## 2002 World Series

*San Francisco vs. Anaheim*

**Oct. 19**

San Francisco 4, Anaheim 3, Giants lead 1-0

**Oct. 20**

Anaheim 11, San Francisco 10, Series tied 1-1

**Tuesday**

Anaheim 10, San Francisco 4, Angels lead 2-1

**Wednesday**

San Francisco 4, Anaheim 3, Series tied 2-2

**Thursday**

San Francisco 16, Anaheim 4, Giants lead 3-2

**Today**

San Francisco at Anaheim

**Sunday**

San Francisco at Anaheim, if necessary

## Giants one win from title

**SAN FRANCISCO** — He's got everything else. The home run record, a batting title, MVP trophies, a sure spot in the Hall of Fame.

The only thing Barry Bonds still really wants is just one win away: a World Series championship.

Bonds put San Francisco on the brink, hitting an RBI double that sent the Giants zooming to a big lead that not even these pesky Anaheim Angels could overcome, winning 16-4 in Game 5 Thursday night to take a 3-2 lead.

"I won't feel anything until it's over," Bonds said. "It's been difficult to sleep ever since I've been in these playoffs. Playing every at-bat, every pitch in my head."

Slumping Jeff Kent sealed it with a pair of two-run homers, managing a rare smile in the process. That got the party going full force at Pac Bell Park and put the Giants on the brink of their first World Series title since Willie Mays & Co. won it for New York in 1954.

Aurilia added the exclamation point, a three-run homer in the eighth that let the Giants tie for the second-highest run total ever in a Series game. The New York Yankees scored 18 in 1936 and had 16 in 1960.

Aurilia's drive set off a fog horn blast and shots from water cannon on top of the right-field wall beside the Bay. The Giants tied a Series record with their 12th home run, and the total of 17 by the teams matched another mark.

"Everybody did a great job, up and down our lineup," Giants manager Dusty Baker said.

And once again, it took only one big swing by Bonds — Mays' godson — to swing the momentum in this Series. But, really, the Angels were caught in a lose-lose squeeze from the start. They pitched to Bonds in the first inning, and the Giants got three runs. They intentionally walked him in the second, and San Francisco scored three more.

## Solution from Friday's Depressed Crossword in the *Freedom Watch*

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*"Do you think the colonel was stationed in Japan?"*

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*Laugh Support*